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In re application of: **Jon D. Currier**
Assignee: **LITTLE GIANT PUMP COMPANY**
Application No.: **10/810,967** Group No.: **2832**
Filed: **March 26, 2004** Examiner: **Michael A. Friedhofer**
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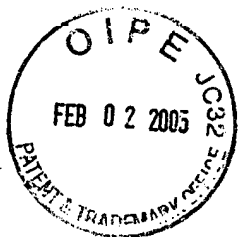
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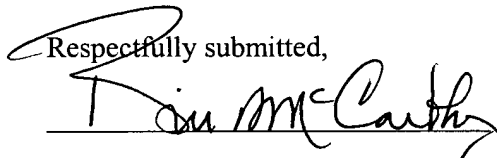
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 2, 2004.

REMARKS

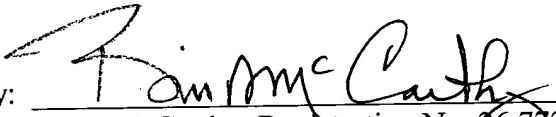
The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of this application by the Examiner, and the Applicant further states approval of the Examiner's Amendment.

A declaration executed by the inventor that corrects the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner of the prior declaration was filed on January 6, 2005.

The Applicant affirmatively denies any acquiescence to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Applicant respectfully submits that the allowed claims meet the

requirements of patentability over the art of record, and it is on this basis that the patent grant is proper. The Applicant traverses any view that the patentability of the claims was acquired by any particular feature, or by all of the features, set forth in the allowed claims. Thus, while the Examiner's characterization with regard to the reasons for allowance are accepted, the same are expressly denied insofar as required at law for the purposes of claim construction, as said examiner statements will have no preclusive effect on the construction and scope of the claims.

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